

IN THE TITLE

Please amend the title of the invention as follows:

Guide Assembly for a Hand-Held Power Tool Support Fixture

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-11.

Please add the following new claims 12-27.

A complete listing of all claims in this application is set forth below.

Claims 1-11 (canceled).

12. (new) A guide assembly for a hand-held power tool, comprising:

a base having a bottom surface and defining an internally threaded opening through which a bit of the hand-held power tool may be advanced, said base further having a ledge located within said internally threaded opening;

a guide at least partially positioned within said internally threaded opening, said guide having (i) a first portion defining a first central passage that is aligned with said internally threaded opening, and including a lower end portion extending vertically below said bottom surface of said base, and (ii) a second portion extending from an upper end portion of said first portion and positioned in contact with said ledge of said base; and

an externally threaded member meshingly engaged with said internally threaded opening of said base and positioned in contact with said second portion of said guide, said externally threaded member defining a second central passage that is aligned with said internally threaded opening.

13. (new) The guide assembly of claim 12, wherein:

said first portion of said guide includes a cylindrical structure that defines said first central passage, and

a lower end of portion of said cylindrical structure extends vertically below said bottom surface of said base.

14. (new) The guide assembly of claim 13, wherein:

said second portion of said guide includes an annular flange extending from an upper end portion of said cylindrical structure, and

said annular flange is interposed between said externally threaded member and said ledge of said base.

15. (new) The guide assembly of claim 14, wherein:

an upper surface of said annular flange is positioned in contact with said externally threaded member, and

a lower surface of said annular flange is positioned in contact with said ledge.

16. (new) The guide assembly of claim 12, wherein said externally threaded member includes a pair of finger contact members extending upwardly from a top surface thereof.

17. (new) The guide of assembly of claim 12, wherein:

said base includes an internally threaded portion that defines said internally threaded opening, and

said ledge is positioned vertically below said internally threaded portion.

18. (new) A guide assembly for a hand-held power tool, comprising:

a base having a substantially planar bottom surface and defining an internally threaded opening through which a bit of the hand-held power tool may be advanced, said base further having a ledge positioned at least partially around a periphery of said internally threaded opening;

a guide at least partially positioned within said internally threaded opening, said guide having (i) a cylindrical portion defining a first central passage that is aligned with said internally threaded opening, and including a lower end portion extending vertically below said bottom surface of said base, and (ii) an annular flange extending circumferentially from said cylindrical portion and positioned in contact with said ledge of said base; and

an externally threaded member meshingly engaged with said internally threaded opening of said base and positioned in contact with said annular flange of said guide, said externally threaded member defining a second central passage that is aligned with said internally threaded opening.

19. (new) The guide assembly of claim 18, wherein:

an upper surface of said annular flange is positioned in contact with said externally threaded member, and

a lower surface of said annular flange is positioned in contact with said ledge.

20. (new) The guide assembly of claim 18, wherein said externally threaded member includes a pair of finger contact members extending upwardly from a top surface thereof.

21. (new) The guide of assembly of claim 18, wherein:
said base includes an internally threaded portion that defines said internally threaded opening, and
said ledge is positioned vertically below said internally threaded portion.

22. (new) An assembly, comprising:
a base having a bottom surface and defining an internally threaded opening and a ledge located within said internally threaded opening;
a guide at least partially positioned within said internally threaded opening, said guide having (i) a first portion defining a central passage and including a lower end portion extending vertically below said bottom surface of said base, and (ii) a second portion extending circumferentially from an upper end portion of said first portion and positioned in contact with said ledge of said base;

an externally threaded member meshingly engaged with said internally threaded opening of said base and positioned in contact with said second portion of said guide; and

a hand-held power tool at least a portion of which extends through said internally threaded opening of said base during operation of said hand-held power tool.

23. (new) The guide assembly of claim 22, wherein:

said first portion of said guide includes a cylindrical structure that defines said central passage, and

a lower end of portion of said cylindrical structure extends vertically below said bottom surface of said base.

24. (new) The guide assembly of claim 23, wherein:

said second portion of said guide includes an annular flange extending from an upper end portion of said cylindrical structure, and

said annular flange is interposed between said externally threaded member and said ledge of said base.

25. (new) The guide assembly of claim 24, wherein:

an upper surface of said annular flange is positioned in contact with said externally threaded member, and

a lower surface of said annular flange is positioned in contact with said ledge.

26. (new) The guide assembly of claim 22, wherein said externally threaded member includes a pair of finger contact members extending from a top surface thereof.

27. (new) The guide of assembly of claim 22, wherein:

said base includes an internally threaded portion that defines said

internally threaded opening, and

said ledge is positioned vertically below said internally threaded portion.